## Supplementary file 1. Survey questionnaire

#### Part 1: Health literacy

A True or False questions (please choose "1" if you think the statement is correct, otherwise choose

"2".)

- **A01.** The best way to prevent flu is to take antibiotics (anti-inflammatory drugs).
- ① Right ② Wrong
- A02. Health foods are not medicines, nor can they replace medicines.
- 1 Right 2 Wrong
- A03. Infusion is effective and fast, so you should first choose infusion after illness.
- 1 Right 2 Wrong
- A04. Fruits and vegetables have similar nutrients, so you can replace eating vegetables into eating fruits.
- 1 Right 2 Wrong
- A05. Normal people's body temperature can fluctuate up and down in one day, but the fluctuation range generally does not exceed 1 °C.
- 1 Right 2 Wrong
- A06. Children and adolescents may also experience depression.
- 1 Right 2 Wrong
- A07. "Long illness makes the patient a good doctor", patients with chronic diseases can adjust the treatment plan according to their own feelings.
- ① Right ② Wrong
- A08. For health problems and diseases found during a health checkup, if there are no symptoms, no measures need to be taken immediately.
- ① Right ② Wrong

### B Single choice questions (Each question has only one correct choice. If you don't know, please select "4".)

**B01.** Concerning the concept of health, the complete statement is:

- 1 Health means being strong and disease-free.
- 2 Health means good psychological quality and strong physique.
- 3 Health is not only the absence of disease, but also the sound state of physical, psychological and social adaptation.
- 4 I don't know.

**B02.** Which of the following ways can hepatitis B be transmitted to others?

- ① Work, eat, and swim with the patient or infected person
- ② Sexual behavior, blood transfusion, mother-to-child transmission.
- ③ Talk, shake hands, and hug with the patient or infected person.

④ I don't know.
<b>B03</b> . Concerning self-blood pressure measurement, which statement is wrong?
① Self-measured blood pressure has reference value for the diagnosis of hypertension.
2 Regular self-monitoring of blood pressure in patients with hypertension can provide a basis for doctors to
formulate treatment plans and evaluate the therapeutic effect.
③ As long as the blood pressure of hypertension patients is stable, they don't have to go to the clinic regularly
for follow-up treatment.
④ I don't know.
<b>B04.</b> Concerning the danger of smoking, which statement is wrong?
① Tobacco dependence is a chronic addictive disease.
② Smoking can cause many kinds of chronic diseases.
③ Low tar cigarettes are less harmful than ordinary cigarettes.
④ I don't know.
<b>B05.</b> Which statements is not an early warning sign of cancer?
① Abnormal lump in the body.
② Unclear hematochezia.
③ Gain weight.
④ I don't know.
B06. After the occurrence of gas poisoning, how should the rescuers firstly deal with the people with gas
poisoning?
① Give the patient water to drink.
② Move the patient to a ventilated place.
③ Call 120 for hospital treatment.
④ I don't know.
<b>B07.</b> Concerning the treatment of tuberculosis patients, which statement is correct?
① No preferential policies.
② Free anti-tuberculosis drugs provided by the state.
③ Free hospitalization.
④ I don't know.
<b>B08.</b> When engaging in toxic and hazardous operations, the staffs should:
① Wear overalls.
② Wear safety helmet.

③ Use personal occupational disease protection equipment.
④ I don't know.
<b>B09.</b> The main hazard of iodine deficiency is:
① Suffering from SARS.
② Influencing the developments of intelligence and growth.
③ Causing hypertension.
④ I don't know.
B10. During vigorous activities, water will be lost due to sweating. In this case, it's better to drink:
① Boiled water.
② Sugary drinks.
③ Dilute brine.
④ I don't know.
<b>B11.</b> Concerning the National basic public health service, which statement is wrong?
① Mainly conducted in large hospitals.
② Conducted in primary medical and health institutions.
③ People can enjoy it free of charge.
④ I don't know.
<b>B12.</b> In which of the following cases, vaccination of children should be suspended?
① Crying.
② Have a cold/fever.
③ Within half an hour after meals.
④ I don't know.
<b>B13.</b> When you have fever symptoms, the right thing to do is:
① Seeking a doctor in time
② According to past experiences, take antipyretics by yourself.
③ Observing the situation for a while.
④ I don't know.
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<b>B14.</b> When patients suffer from adverse reactions after taking medicine according to doctors' treatment plans,
the right thing to do is?
1) You stop taking the medicine.
② Seeking a doctor.
③ Taking medicines continually.
④ I don't know.

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- ① This disease has nothing to do with me, and I don't care about it.
- ② I would be concerned about the epidemic if I were a local.
- ③ Whether local or not, we need to pay attention to the change of epidemic situation.
- 4 I don't know.



**B16.** Warning

map means

- 1 The place is prone to fire.
- ② Explosives are present in an area of the site and are not allowed to approach.
- ③ This substance is toxic or there are toxic substances in the place.
- 4 I don't know.

#### **B17.** The phone number of the national free health hotline is:

- 1 12302
- 2 120
- ③ 12320
- 4 I don't know.

#### B18. Concerning seeking medical treatment, which statement is wrong?

- 1) Tell the doctor as detailed as possible about the illness.
- ② If there are previous medical records, examination results, etc., it is best to carry them with you.
- ③ In order to make the doctor pay attention to it, we can describe the condition more seriously than it actually is.
- 4 I don't know.

#### **B19.** If "OTC" is printed on a drug label, the drug shall be:

- ① A prescription drug, which must be prescribed by a doctor before it can be purchased.
- ② A Over-the-counter drug, which can be purchased without a doctor's prescription.
- ③ Health products.
- 4 I don't know.

#### B20. Concerning window ventilation, which statement is wrong?

- ① Avoid colds by opening fewer or no windows in winter.
- 2 Window ventilation can dilute bacteria and viruses in indoor air.
- ③ Opening windows and ventilation can let sunlight into the room, killing a variety of bacteria and viruses.
- 4 I don't know.

- **B21.** When measuring body temperature with a vitreous thermometer, the correct reading method is:
- ① Hold the mercury end of the thermometer and read it horizontally.
- ② Hold the glass end of the thermometer and read it vertically.
- ③ Hold the glass end of the thermometer and read it horizontally.
- 4 I don't know.
- B22. When blisters appear caused by mild scalds of the skin, which statement is right?
- ① Break the blisters, so that the recovery will be quick.
- ② Bubbles don't need to be pricked if they're small, but must be pricked if they're large.
- 3 Do not prick blisters to avoid infection.
- 4 I don't know.
- **B23.** In case of fire, the correct escape method is:
- ① Hold your head in your hands, or wrap your head in your clothes, and rush out of the fire.
- ② Sprinkle water on your head and body, or wrap your body in a wet blanket, and rush out of the fire.
- 3 Beating at the flames with clothes, while evacuating from the fire.
- (4) I don't know.
- C Multiple choice questions (Each question has two or more correct choices. If you don't know, please select (5.)
- **C01.** Which of the following are true about the ways to promote mental health?
- ① Keep an optimistic attitude towards life
- 2 Set target within the scope of your own ability
- 3 Establish good interpersonal relations, and actively participate in social activities
- 4 Solve the worry through smoking, drinking
- ⑤ I don't know
- C02. Which of the following are true about seeking medical advice?
- (1) Not all diseases can be cured
- ② As long as going to hospital, the health status will be improved
- ③ A hospital is the place of healing, it is the hospital's responsibility not to cure the disease
- 4 Sickness and death are natural, rationally treated the diagnosis and treatment results
- (5) I don't know
- C03. Which of the following are true about liver?
- (1) Secrete bile
- 2 Detoxification function
- 3 Most important digestive organ

4) The liver has one on each side
⑤ I don't know
<b>C04.</b> What should parents do while children appear fever, rash and other symptoms?
① Go to the hospital in time
② Stop going to kindergarten
③ Inform the teacher of the kindergarten in time
4 Let the child go to kindergarten as usual
⑤ I don't know
C05. What information should be noted on the package while buying packaged food?
① Production date
② Expiration date
③ Nutrition facts
④ Manufacturer
⑤ I don't know
<b>C06.</b> What should be done if dead or sick animals are found?
① no killing, no processing
② Not for sale, not for transport
③ don't eat
4 eating after cooking thoroughly
⑤ I don't know
<b>C07.</b> What measures should be taken for patients suffering from respiratory or cardiac arrest?
① Artificial respiration
② Chest compressions
③ Call the emergency number
④ Give hypertension treatment drugs
⑤ I don't know
C08. The benefits of eating tofu, soy milk and other soy products:
① Good for health
② Good for patients with cardiovascular diseases
③ Increase protein intake
4 Prevent excessive consumption of meat
⑤ I don't know

C09. The health benefits of exercise:
① Maintain a reasonable weight
② Prevent chronic diseases
③ Reduce psychological pressure
① Improve sleep quality
⑤ I don't know
C10. A newspaper said that any diabetic can be completely cured by taking a certain hypoglycemic product.
Which of the following statements are true after seeing this information?
① The news is not believable
② This news is good, hurry to tell diabetes friends
③ Consult and verify it with the community doctor
④ Hurry to buy
⑤ I don't know
C11. When coughing or sneezing, the correct ways are:
① Use hands to cover your nose and mouth directly
② Use a handkerchief or tissue to cover mouth and nose
③ Cover nose and mouth with elbow
④ Don't cover mouth and nose
⑤ I don't know
C12. Which of the following statement about hospitalization are true?
① The longer length of hospitalization, the better effect of the treatment
② Treatment effect and length of hospitalization is not necessarily related
③ The length of hospitalization depends on the patient's condition
① The short length of hospitalization is a sign of doctors' irresponsibility
⑤ I don't know
C13. Which of the following benefits of breastfeeding for infants were correct?
① Breastfeeding can lead to less babies sick
② Breast milk is the best natural food for babies
③ Infant formula is more nutritious than breast milk
Breastfeeding is conducive to the psychological development of infants
I don't know
⊗ 1 don t know
C14. When keeping pesticides, attention should be paid to:
① Pesticides should be kept in a fixed, safe place

- 2 Pesticides cannot be put together with food
- 3 If the hand is contaminated with pesticides, washing hand is not necessary as long as the skin is damaged.
- 4 Pesticide should be kept in the place where children can not touch
- ⑤ I don't know

C15. Out during thunderstorms, which of the following statements are correct?

- ① Hiding under the big tree
- 2 Staying away from the high voltage line
- 3 Avoid using cell phone
- 4 Standing in the highlands
- (5) I don't know

# D Situational questions (Please read the material first and then answer the questions. There is only one correct answer for a single choice question and two or more correct answers for a multiple choice question. If you do not know, single choice please choose ④, multiple choice please choose ⑤.)

BMI refers to body mass index (BMI), which is a commonly used international standard to measure body fat and thinness as well as health. This is calculated by dividing weight (kg) by height (m) squared, or BMI= weight/height<sup>2</sup> (kg /m<sup>2</sup>). For Chinese adults, BMI<18.5 means underweight, 18.5≤BMI<24 means normal weight, 24≤BMI<28 means overweight, and BMI≥28 means obesity.

**D01**. Mr. Li, 45 years old, 170 centimeters in height, 160 pounds in weight, how should his BMI be calculated? (Single choice)

① (80)2/170=37.6 ② 80/(1.7)2=27.7 ③ 160/(1.7)2=55.4 ④ I don't know

D02. With reference to the body mass index of Chinese adults, Mr. Li belongs to: (Single choice)

① obesity ② normal weight ③ overweight ④ I don't know

D03. What can Mr. Li do to control his weight? (Multiple choice)

- ① Do not eat staple food
- 2 Exercise for at least half an hour every day
- 3 Reduce oil intake
- 4 Only eat fruits and vegetables
- (5) I don't know

**D04.** Which of the following diseases is Mr. Li prone to? (Single choice)

1) hypertension 2) osteoporosis 3) gastric ulcer 4) I don't know

#### Part 2: eHealth literacy

Here's a description of yourself and how much you agree with it.

Items	strongly	disagree	uncertain	agree	strongly
Tems	disagree	ansagree	ancertain	25100	agree
1. I know what health resources are available on the Internet	1	2	3	4	5
2. I know where to find helpful health resources on the Internet	1	2	3	4	5

3. I know how to find helpful resources on the Internet	1	2	3	4	5
4. I know how to use the Internet to answer my questions about health	1	2	3	4	5
5. I know how to use the health information I find on the Internet to help me	1	2	3	4	5
6. I have the skills I need to evaluate the health resources I find on the Internet	1	2	3	4	5
7. I can tell high quality health resources from low quality health resources on the Internet	1	2	3	4	5
8. I feel confident in using information from the Internet to make health decisions	1	2	3	4	5

## Part 3: COVID-19 coping behaviors

How often have you practiced the following behaviors in the past two weeks

Items	none	a small amount of time	someti mes	most of the time	almost
1. Reduce instances of going to public places	1	2	3	4	5
2. Wear a mask when going out	1	2	3	4	5
3. Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze	1	2	3	4	5
4. Maintain hand hygiene	1	2	3	4	5
5. Disinfect daily necessities	1	2	3	4	5
6. Open windows for ventilation to maintain air circulation	1	2	3	4	5
7. Follow the latest developments on COVID-19	1	2	3	4	5
8. Take body temperature frequently	1	2	3	4	5
9. Contact relatives and friends online	1	2	3	4	5
10. Communicate or confide with others when you are in trouble	1	2	3	4	5
11. Smok because of COVID-19	1	2	3	4	5
12. Drink alcohol because of COVID-19	1	2	3	4	5
13. Insist on physical exercise	1	2	3	4	5
14. Maintain adequate nutrition and balanced diet	1	2	3	4	5
15. Guarantee good sleep	1	2	3	4	5

## Part 4: COVID-19 knowledge

1. What is the source of infection of COVID-19 [multiple answers allowed]

- ① Seafood
- ② Wild animals

③ Patients with new coronavirus pneumonia
④ Patients with asymptomatic infection
⑤ I don't know
2. How long is the incubation period of COVID-19? [single answers allowed]
① 1-14 days
② 15-28 days
③ > 28 days
④I don't know
3. How does COVID-19 spread? [multiple answers allowed]
①Blood transfusions
②Respiratory droplets from infected people
3 Airborne transmission
4 Direct contact with infected people
(5) Touching contaminated objects/ surfaces
⑥ Contact with contaminated animals
7 Eating contaminated food
® Drinking unpurified/untreated water
I do not know
4. Who is prone to infection with COVID-19? [multiple answers allowed]
① Children
② Elderly people
③ Young people
A Patients with chronic diseases
⑤ I don't know
5. What are the main symptoms of COVID-19? [multiple answers allowed]
①Fever
②Cough
3 Shortness of breath and breathing difficulties
④ Muscle pain
⑤ Headache
© Diarrhea
⑦ No symptoms
®I don't know

## **Part 5: Sociodemographic characteristics**

1. Your age:	
2.Gender:	
①Male	
②Female	
3.Your residence:	
①Urban	
②Rural	
4. College year:	
①Freshman	
(2) Sophomore	
3 Junior	
④ Senior	
5.Academic major:	
1) Medicine	
②Others	
6.Which level do you think	x your family's economic income corresponds to in the local area:
①High	
2)Medium	
③ Low	
7.How do you think your h	nealth status:
①Good	
②Medium	
③ Bad	
8.Do your family member	or friend infected with coronavirus?
①Yes	
②No	